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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Papalas on 12/18/06.

The application has been amended as follows: Claims 10-11 (originally filed as 19-20) have been canceled as they depend on cancelled claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phu Vu whose telephone number is (571)-272-1562. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM-5PM M-F.

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